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In re application of:

Keith D. ALLEN et al.

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Disruptions

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application and in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed October 3, 2002, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

In the Drawings

Please replace Figure 2A in the application with the enclosed new Figure 2A.

REMARKS

The amendment to Figure 2A merely adds a sequence identifier to the figure to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(d) and does not introduce new matter. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

Favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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